



IMPORTANT TIPS FOR MOWING IN NORTHERN COLORADO

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Maintaining a healthy lawn takes more than just routine watering and fertilizing. Our region's unique climate and high elevation bring added challenges, making it even more important to follow a few essential lawn care practices. Smart mowing is a key step in helping your grass stay healthy and resilient.

MOWING TIPS

MOW HIGH

- Cutting your grass too short can damage or even kill the grass roots. Taller grass promotes deeper root growth and enhances drought resistance. Aim for a mowing height of 3.5 to 4 inches for most of the season.

For grasses like Kentucky bluegrass, consider raising the mowing height an additional 0.5 to 1 inch during summer heat to provide insulation and reduce water loss.



Tip: Follow the $\frac{1}{3}$ Rule

Never remove more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the grass blade height in one mow.

MOW FREQUENTLY

- Regular mowing helps maintain a consistent height and encourages thicker turf. During peak growth periods in spring and early summer, plan to mow once a week.



MOWING MAINTENANCE

BAG CLIPPINGS

- While grass clippings can sometimes act as a natural mulch, in Northern Colorado's climate, it's best to bag your clippings every time you mow. Leaving clippings behind too often can lead to thatch buildup, especially in early spring and late fall when growth is dense and moisture levels fluctuate.

Bagging helps keep your lawn healthy by preventing excessive buildup and ensuring better air and water flow to the roots.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR MOWER

- A well maintained mower is key to a healthy lawn. Regularly inspect and service your mower to keep it in top shape:
 - Sharpen blades throughout the season
 - Check for oil leaks and address them promptly
 - Replace missing or damaged parts, including blades
 - Blow off grass and debris after each use
 - Keep the deck clean to ensure proper airflow and performance